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THE FIRST WORLD WAR

THE MANX EXPERIENCE OF "THE GREAT WAR"



This guide has been produced to coincide with the centenary of the start of the First World War [WW1] in 2014 and to provide a summary of the type of resources available to those wishing to research this period of the Island's history. A book has been specially written by Manx National Heritage Curator of Social History, Matthew Richardson "This Terrible Ordeal" and published by Manx National Heritage.

Manx National Heritage Library & Archive collections hold a range of resources of interest to people researching the impact of the First World War on the Isle of Man. Some are now accessible online but most still require a visit to the Reading Room at the Manx Museum. This guide is not exhaustive but is indicative of some of the most important resources. Please note that there is a separate Collections Guide relating to internment on the Isle of Man during both world wars.

ONLINE RESOURCES FROM MNH

Access to resources online through www.imuseum.im

- The entire collection of Manx newspapers held by the library for the 1914-18 period is available online. Searching by names of people, places and relevant topic keywords will return individual newspaper articles.
- Thousands of photographs relating to people and events of the time and WW1 internment camps in Douglas and Knockaloe.
- The Library catalogue is searchable by author, title and

keyword. It is not yet complete but additional titles are added at regular intervals.

- An index of the Island's war memorials with associated images and names of those commemorated.
- Indexes to parish registers for people baptised, married and buried on the Island during WW1.
- First World War Biographies – a collection of stories highlighting the varying roles played by men and women from the Isle of Man during 1914-18.
- In the iMuseum's "Explore Topics" section you will find a "First World War Collections" topic.

GENERAL

Richardson, Matthew

This Terrible Ordeal

Manx National Heritage, 2013

Library Ref: F.64/RIC

Smith, Caroline

The Isle of Man in the Great War

Pen and Sword, 2014

Library Ref: F.64/SMI

VARIOUS

Autograph book containing messages relating to World War One among other subject matter. Includes cartoons and original artwork.

1916-1920

Archive Ref MS 13068



CIVILIAN LIFE

The loss of the considerable tourist trade caused severe financial hardship and contributed to agitation for political reform as documented by Samuel Norris in *Manx Memories and Movements*. Many families also suffered reduced income with the loss of their men to military service. In 1915 deputations of Boarding House Keepers were lobbying the Governor for assistance as they were unable to pay their bills. The Manx Industries Association established small factories in various towns and women were employed in manufacturing and finishing processes. The Municipal Association also appealed for Government assistance in helping individuals pay rates and 1916 saw more campaigns from the War Rights Union. However by 1917 Isle of Man Government Revenue had soared due to excisable articles consumed in the internment camps. Agricultural prices also soared as a result and some food shortages became evident.

Beckerson, John - Holiday Isle: the golden era of the Manx boarding house from the 1870's to the 1970's

Manx Heritage Foundation, 2007

Includes a section on the hardships of WW1.

Library Ref B.266/53

Belchem, John - A New History of the Isle of Man: Volume 5:

The Modern Period 1830-1999

Liverpool University Press, 2000

Library Ref F.64/207

Brown, John Archibald

The Isle of Man Chamber of Commerce Facts, Statistics, &c.,

Submitted to two Committees of Tynwald (1) appointed to consider the Effect of the War on Manx Industries; and (2) to proceed to London to endeavour to bring about the Return of Manx Steamers under certain conditions. April 20, 1915

Isle of Man Chamber of Commerce, 1915

Library Ref B.114/2xf(13)

Library Ref B.114/2xf(13)

Carine, M.; Walton, J.W.; Cunningham, Joseph; Clucas, R.

In the Keys. War Emergency Rates January 1916. Report of the

Committee of the House of Keys to whom was referred, for special consideration, the Report of a Deputation appointed by the Douglas Rating Authorities to interview the Imperial

Authorities as to the difficulties which have arisen through the nonpayment of rates in consequence of the War. January 1916

Isle of Man. Government, 1916

Library Ref B.114/2xf(29)

Cringle, Terry - Here is the News: A Chronicle of the 20th Century: Volume 1: 1901-1950

Manx Experience, 1999

Useful summary for each year of the war.

Library Ref F.64/197q

Isle of Man Examiner Official Directory and Illustrated Annuals: (1914-1919)

S.K. Broadbent & Co. Ltd. 1914 - 1919

Library Ref L.9/EX

Norris, Samuel (1994) - Manx Memories and Movements: a Journalist's Recollections

Manx Heritage Foundation, 1994

A leading light in the Manx War Reform Movement.

Library Ref G.88/NOR

The Norris Modern Press Manx Year Books for 1912-1914 & The Norris Modern Press Manx Year Books and Tradesmen's Directory for 1915-1916

Norris Modern Press 1912-1916

Library Ref L.9/NOR

Sargeant, Bertram Edward

Food Economy: Address by B.E. Sargeant (Government Secretary) at public meeting in Villa Marina April 26 1917 Reprinted from *Mona's Herald* 02.05.1917.

Library Ref B.114/63

Teare, Alfred J.

Reminiscences of the Manx Labour Party

Island Development Co. Ltd., 1962

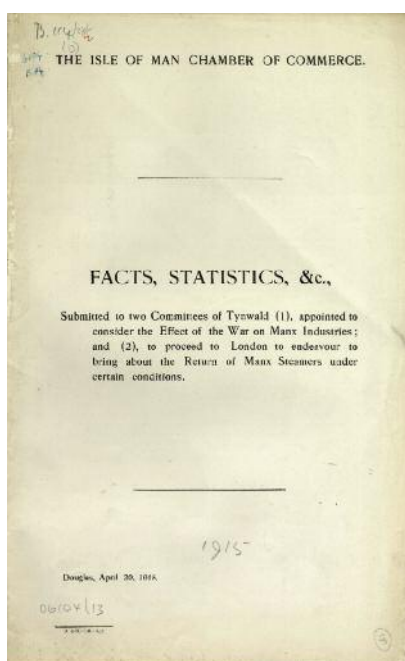
Library Ref D.155

West, Margery - Island at War: The remarkable role played by the Small Manx Nation in the Great War, 1914-18

Western Books, 1986

Good summary of the Manx War effort

Library Ref B.114/18



GOVERNMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

There were about 500 Government Circulars issued from 1914 to 1918 which controlled many aspects of everyday life and there are copied extracts relating to internment in our Library & Archive collections. The British Government Statutory Rules and Orders were also usually extended to include the Island. Financial affairs are included in the Government Financial Statements for 1914-1919.

IOM Financial Statements for the years 1 April 1914 to 31 March 1919.

Laid before Tynwald Court by Order of the Lt. Governor
Isle of Man. Government, 1914-1919
Library Ref D. 154/8xf

IOM Government Circulars 1- 699 (1914-1919)

Copies of those relating to Aliens, Internees or Detainees
1914-1919
Isle of Man. Government, 1914-1919
Library Ref B.115/116aq

Kermode, D.G.

Offshore Island Politics: The Constitutional and Political
Development of the Isle of Man in the Twentieth Century

Liverpool University Press, 2001
Library Ref D.151/112

Sargeaunt, Bertram Edward

The Isle of Man and the Great War
Brown & Sons Ltd, 1920
Library Ref B.114/7

The Times Reports of Debates in the Manx Legislature

September 18, 1914 to October 14, 1919 Vols XXXII – XXXVI.
Brown & Sons Ltd.
Library Ref D.152/1/32-36

MILITARY

Over 8,000 men from the Island joined the armed forces including the Isle of Man Volunteers who were called up in August 1914, there were over 1,100 fatalities leaving many widows and dependent children and significant numbers were also injured or suffered disabling injuries.

Corlett Family

Corlett family papers documenting the World War One military service of brothers Roy and Cyril Corlett (Robert (Roy) Frederick and Cyril Norman Corlett) and the World War Two RAF service of their younger brother Harold Corlett
Archive Ref MS 13177

Dorothy Family - Papers of the Dorothy Family of Liverpool and Lonan

Contains letters from war service during World War One and World War Two and loose-leaf photographs; includes service in Palestine.
Archive Ref MS 09814

Finch Hill United Reformed Church

Finch Hill United Reformed Church roll of honour for men killed during World War One
1918
Archive Ref MS 12648

Goldie-Taubman, Leigh

Correspondence files documenting the compilation and production of the Manx Roll of Honour, commissioned by J Leigh Goldie-Taubman of the Nunnery, Braddan as a memorial on vellum to Manx servicemen who died during

World War One

1924-1929
Archive Ref MS 11564

Green Family

Album of postcards and ephemera recording the World War One service of six brothers from the Green family; typescript details about the military service of these men compiled by Miles Green in 2005 from the contents of the album; also transcription of letter from Harry and Norman Green to their brother Ken, after battle of Neuve Chapelle, March 1915
1915 & 2005
Archive Ref MS 13001

Kermode, Robert Daniel

Alphabetical listing of Douglas men who served in World War One, compiled by Reverend Robert Daniel Kermode, Vicar of St George's Douglas
1914-19

14 volumes. The author notes the home address, military rank, number and regiment and any news received about the individual's active service including whether home on leave and change of unit and regiment.

Archive Ref MS 10003



Killey Family

Papers of the Killey family including First World War letters from Private Joseph Killey (2nd Lancs. Fusiliers, British Expeditionary Force, Belgium) to his brother, Captain William Edward (Ned) Killey (1st East Lancs. R.F.A., Lancs)
Deposit includes photographs
Archive Ref: MS 09832



Joseph & W. E. (Ned) Killey

McCauley, John

Papers of John McCauley documenting his World War One military service including his handwritten historical account 1932-1981
Archive Ref: MS 10129

McCauley Family

McCauley family papers, in particular relating to John McCauley's World War One military service

NAVAL

The Isle of Man Steam Packet Company operated a large fleet of fifteen Company steamers. Of these, eleven were chartered or purchased by the British Government for war purposes and only four returned: Peel Castle; Viking; King Orry and Mona's Queen. Four were lost Ben-my-Chree, Empress Queen, Ramsey, Snaefell, and three retained by the British Government. The King Orry was the sole representative of the British Mercantile Marine at the surrender of the German Fleet on November 21, 1918.

Blackburn, C.J.

How the Manx Fleet helped in the Great War:
The Story of the Isle of Man Steam Packet Boats on service
Louis G. Meyer, 1923
Library Ref B.114/4

Burns, Ian M.

Ben My Chree: Woman of My Heart
Colin Huston, 2008
Library Ref B.160/10

Corkill, Adrian

Hostile Sea: The U-Boat Offensive around the Isle of Man during World War One

Archive Ref MS 13232

Minorca Primitive Methodist Sunday School

Commemorative coloured roll of honour listing former male members of the Minorca Primitive Methodist Sunday School, Laxey who enlisted for military service during World War One c1919

Archive Ref MS 12320

Perry, Michael

The Liverpool Scottish and Manx Dead during the Great War 2007

Illustrated typescript article

Archive Ref MS 11870

Quayle, Tom & Moore, George

Postcards sent from France by soldiers Tom Quayle and George Moore whilst on active service during World War One to their sister and wife respectively, Florence Moore, nee Quayle, of 7 James St, Douglas, Isle of Man 1914-18

Archive Ref MS 12016

Sargeant, Bertram Edward

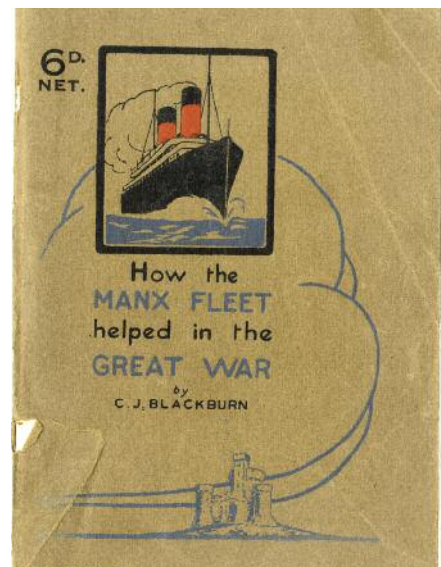
A Military History of the Isle of Man
T. Buncle & Co. Ltd., 1949
Library Ref B. B.114/15

War Pensions Committee Isle of Man

Great War 1914-18. Roll of Honour
Isle of Man. War Pensions Committee, 1934

This includes men with Manx connections serving in the military of other countries such as Australia, New Zealand and Canada.

Library Ref B.114/8



Adrian Corkill, 2003
Library Ref B.158/119

Handsombe, David
King Orry 1913-1940
Ferry Publications, 2006
Library Ref B.160/79q

Morrison, Mary
Undated letter from Mary [Morrison] of Athol Street, Peel to Mrs Boyd-Dawkins thanking her for her subscription to 'Mannin' and her accompanying letter and giving an account

of events witnessed in Peel after the sinking of auxiliary cruiser HMS Champagne on 9 October 1917 and rescue of survivors during World War One.

Archive Ref: MS 09920

Mosse, Harry Tylden
'Grandfather': typescript transcription of interview with Captain Harry Tylden Mosse RN, Master of the King Orry at the end of World War One, talking to his son-in-law Richard A R Fanshawe, with additional information
1973
Archive Ref MS 13129

WAR WORK

The Manx Industries Association established small factories in various towns and women were employed in spinning, finishing and manufacturing stockings, overcoats, shirts and other items. By the middle of the war it was a substantial employer producing a large amount of goods and paying good wages. They secured the removal of a Vickers aircraft factory to the Island [balloon manufacture]. There was also work through local firms such as Gellings Foundry and Emmett and Son.

Cubbon, William - Isle of Man Government Employment Exchange. General Report of its Work and Statistics
This covers 1914-1919.
Brown & Sons Ltd., 1920
Library Ref D.102/1xf(4)

Manx Industries Association - Annual reports 1916-1918
For these see the newspaper reports issued each August
www.imuseum.im

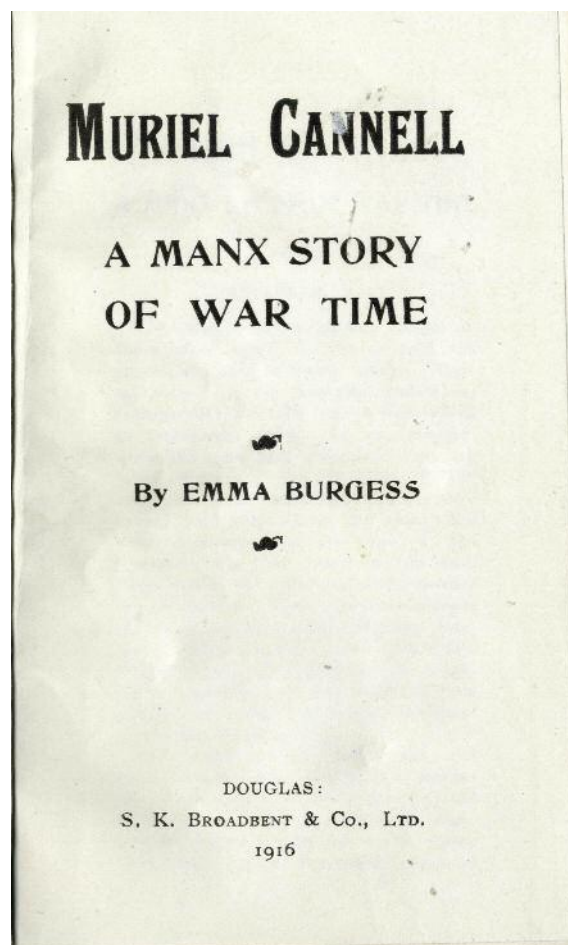
FICTION and POETRY

Burgess, Emma - Muriel Cannell A Manx Story of Wartime
S.K. Broadbent & Co. Ltd., 1916
Library Ref K.12/B7/1

Caine, Hall - Woman of Knockaloe
Cassell and Company, Ltd, 1923
Library Ref K.15/53

Douglas, Mona - Manx Song and Maiden Song
Erskine MacDonald, 1915
Library Ref J.8/DOU

Douglas, Mona - Mychurachan
John Long, 1917
Library Ref J.8/DOU



OPENING TIMES

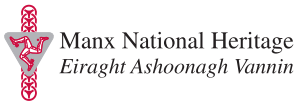
MANX MUSEUM READING ROOM:

For current opening hours at the Manx Museum Reading Room and iMuseum, please check online at:

<http://www.manxnationalheritage.im/what-we-do/our-collections/library-archives/>

REGISTRATION

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